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SUBJECT: WEST PAPUAN PRESS STATEMENT

REF: PORT MORESBY 0128

1. POST COURIER FEBRUARY 24 REPORTED THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PORT MORESBY WEST PAPUAN (IRIANESE) COMMUNITY STATED THAT THE REBUFF RECEIVED FROM THE GPNG MIGHT LEAD THEM TO SEEK COMMUNIST HELP. SPOKESMAN ALLEGEDLY STATED "WE HAVEN'T TAKEN THIS STEP YET, BUT IN THE LIGHT OF GPNG'S DETENTE WITH INDONESIA AT ALL COST, IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY FOR US TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY."

2. IN COMMENTING ON SOMARE'S THREAT TO DEPORT WEST PAPUAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SPOKESMAN FOR IRIANESE SAID THE PEOPLE WHO CROSSED THE BORDER INTO PNG WERE BEING DENIED PROTECTION UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR REFUGEES, AND WOULD APPEAL TO HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

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3. COMMENT: THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL SERVE TO INCREASE THE
TENSION IN THE GPNG OVER THE IRIANESE PROBLEM AND WILL REDUCE
THE SYMPATHETIES TOWARD THE IRIANESE THAT STILL EXIST IN THE
GOVERNMENT.
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